

GUAA's 34th Triennial Reunion combines business and festivities

Members of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) elected new board officers, participated in festivities marking the rededication of College Hall, and presented their alma mater with the official, commissioned portrait of President I. King Jordan during the 34th Triennial Reunion at Kendall Green July 15-19.

The reunion attracted more than 200 people, according to GUAA Executive Secretary Mary Anne Pugin, '71. "The alumni enjoyed themselves, and many who had not been here for quite a while were impressed with the campus," she said. "We hope that future reunions bring back even more memories and create new ones as Gallaudet evolves for its changing role."

Alumni at the GUAA reunion banquet, held July 18 in the Field House, not only got to view deaf artist William Sparks' portrait of Dr. Jordan, but also were presented with pieces of Chapel Hall gathered during current of renovation work. Jordan's portrait will hang there along with those of past presidents. Sparks also painted the portraits of Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr., and Dr. Jerry Lee, Gallaudet's fourth and sixth presidents.

Numerous awards were presented at the reunion banquet. The Laurent Clerc Award, given in recognition of outstanding social contributions by a deaf person, went to John Davis, '37.

The Alice Cogswell Award in recognition of valuable service on behalf of deaf citizens went to Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, '50. The Amos Kendall Award for notable excellence in a professional field not related to deafness went to Roberto Wirth, '74.

The Edward Miner Gallaudet Award for efforts to promote the well-being of deaf people went to Dr. Donald Ammons, '74. Joe Dannis, '78, received the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Special recognition was given Dr. George Detmold, who served as dean of Gallaudet from 1952 until 1970. He played a key role when Gallaudet first received accreditation in 1957 and in later establishing a drama department.

Donna Drake, '69, was elected the new GUAA president. She takes the place of Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, '50, who had been president for the past 10 years, the longest tenure of any president.

Drake, who has been a GUAA board member since 1980, received a B.A. in history in 1969 and a M.A. in secondary education in social science in 1971 from Gallaudet. She also holds a master's in administration and supervision from the California State University-Northridge.

Drake has been supervising teacher of the high school at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind since 1976. She was previously a high school social studies teacher and a coordinator of the school's community education program.

Re-elected to the board were Dr. Nancy Kensicki, '65, secretary, Dr. Donald Peterson, '53, treasurer, and Donald Pettingill, '76, board member. New members are Agnes Sutcliffe, '59, vice president, and board members Victoria Cooler, '79, and Stephen Hlibok, '85.

"I think we have a good team," Drake said. Drake plans to continue with GUAA's mission of fund raising, recruitment, and advocacy.



(From left) President I. King Jordan, Dr. David Peikoff, and Board of Trustees Chair Philip Bravin cut the ribbon rededicating College Hall at a July 17 ceremony.

Renovation of College Hall praised at July 17 rededication ceremony

The Gallaudet community got its first formal glimpse of the newly renovated College Hall July 17 at a ceremony rededicating the building. Judging by the looks of admiration that were evident on the faces of many of the people who crowded into the refurbished structure, the year of contending with construction operations and shuffling offices to temporary quarters was worth the effort.

"We've come back to a building that has been professionally restored to its original grace and charm. It feels good to be back," said Kayt Lewis, coordinator of employee development and relations, and one of the workers in College Hall who had been displaced from the building during the renovation.

Despite temperatures that soared into the upper 90s, a large crowd of University employees, friends, and alumni on campus for the Gallaudet University Alumni Association's 34th Triennial Reunion congregated at the front steps of College Hall for the ceremony and a self-guided tour that followed.

The occasion provided an opportunity for reflection on College Hall's past and to credit those people who had a hand in preparing it for the future.

"It was 114 years, five months, and one day ago that this building was dedicated for the first time," said Gallaudet President I. King Jordan. On Feb. 16, 1878, President Rutherford B. Hayes and other dignitaries came to Kendall Green for the ceremony, "because it was one of the best buildings in D.C., and is today one of the best," said Dr. Jordan.

Philip Bravin, chair of Gallaudet's

Board of Trustees, called the College Hall project "probably one of the best investments Gallaudet ever made." He said that because part of the funding for the renovation came from private sources "everyone has a personal interest" in the outcome.

Jordan extended thanks to Gallaudet's Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly, whom he credited with having the vision and taking the initial steps to get the College Hall project under way, and to Charles Mann, director of Business Services, John Dunn, project supervisor of Construction Services, and Daniel Kirby, manager of Construction Services. Appreciation also was given to David Kimnitzer, a partner with the architectural firm of Ein-

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President I. King Jordan and his wife, Linda, are presented Dr. Jordan's official, commissioned portrait at the GUAA reunion banquet July 18.



Edward Miner Gallaudet, portrayed by André Pellerin of the Department of Theatre Arts, gives his seal of approval to the College Hall renovation.

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horn, Yaffee, and Prescott; Mark Billings, senior project manager with Donohoe Construction Co.; and Joe Herrick, project superintendent with Donohoe, for their work on the project.

Even Edward Miner Gallaudet gave his seal of approval to the renovation. The stately, black-clad, mustached E.M.G., portrayed by André Pellerin, a technical assistant in the Department of Theatre Arts, confessed, "When I heard about the plans I was a bit skeptical, but I see it has been restored to its original beauty."

"I welcome you back into College Hall, this beautiful old building," said E.M.G. "Take some time, look around, but please, from now on keep my building in good repair!"

Dr. David Peikoff, at age 92 the oldest living alumnus to attend the GUAA reunion, was handed a pair of large ceremonial scissors, and with the help of Jordan and Bravin, cut the yellow and blue ribbon draped across the front entrance to the building.

Jordan and Bravin then welcomed the throngs of visitors into the building for a tour and refreshments.

Joe Mattivi dies

Joseph Mattivi, 34, an assistant professor in the School of Management, died July 15. Mattivi reportedly died prior to teaching an evening French class for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mattivi, who began working for Gallaudet in 1988, spent his first two years in Experiential Programs Off Campus (EPOC), where he worked with students in the School of Management who participated in EPOC programs. He also taught part time in the Foreign Language Department. Mattivi became an assistant professor of business administration in 1990.

Funeral services for Mattivi were held July 19 in Richboro, Pa., his family's home. The School of Management is planning a memorial service for Mattivi this fall.

Mattivi's family asks that memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society or to Gallaudet.



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After a ribbon-cutting ceremony, visitors enter College Hall to inspect the renovated building, which now appears much like it did when it was built in 1878.

Programs using Total Communication are not working, Berrigan says

A few bilingual education programs for deaf and hard of hearing children exist, but most programs use a Total Communication philosophy that is not improving reading scores, according to Dennis Berrigan, coordinator of American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture Programs at Pre-College Programs.

Berrigan addressed the topic "Trends in Bilingual Education Programs for Deaf Children" July 14 as part of the Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival Lecture Series sponsored by the College for Continuing Education.

"The goal of Total Communication is to develop linguistic and communicative competencies in both English and ASL, but we do not use it correctly," Berrigan said. "In practice, preference is given to English through the oral and aural channels." This approach does not meet the children's need to interact with deaf children and adults who use ASL, Berrigan said. Most programs also do not include information about deaf history or culture in their curriculum.

"Total Communication doesn't seem to be working," he said. Test results show the reading levels of 15-year-old deaf children improved only from second to third grade between 1974 and 1983. Tests of other groups of children after 1983 show that many peak at the third-grade level.

Reading levels are not improving because most school systems do not require teachers to be fluent in ASL and because the programs actually closely

resemble oral programs, Berrigan said. A 1987 survey of 1,888 teachers found that only six used ASL in the classroom.

In 1988, the Commission on the Education of the Deaf recommended that the Department of Education recognize ASL as a minority language, making deaf education programs subject to the Bilingual Education Act, he said. The act mandates and provides funds for bilingual and bicultural teaching methods.

According to National Association for the Deaf (NAD) president Roslynn Rosen, the NAD endorsed the recommendation at its convention last June. NAD's education section and its Commission on Education will now plan ways to persuade the Department of Education to implement it.

Schools planning bilingual programs must involve deaf people with expertise in the field of linguistics and education, Berrigan said. They should also hire a deaf sign language specialist to provide training for faculty, staff, students, and parents.

More research must be done in the field of bilingual education for deaf and hard of hearing children, Berrigan said. Last February, President I. King Jordan instructed the Gallaudet Research Institute to form a research advisory committee to examine communication in the classroom. The committee has been meeting and discussing the design of a study that will analyze classroom communication, teacher effectiveness, and minority achievement.



Outgoing GUAA President Gerald "Bummy" Burstein (right) presents President's Awards for outstanding service to (from left) Michael Olson, '79; Colleen Kazragis, '71; Gary Fitts, '84; Agnes Sutcliffe, '59; and Susan King of the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The Office of Student Special Services also received the award.

Announcements

Subjects are needed for a survey that will be conducted in August to determine if deaf women or women with physical disabilities are treated differently than men, or if deaf African-American women or African-American women with physical disabilities are treated differently than their European-American counterparts. The survey will be conducted by Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson, coordinator of multicultural and minority affairs with Pre-College Programs, Betsy Rogovsky, assistant professor of social work, and Dr. William Hanna, a professor of urban planning at the University of Maryland. The coordinators stress that all information will be confidential. People who are interested in being interviewed can call x5015 or E-mail CMEMERSON, or x5160 or E-mail EROGOVSKY.

Meetings led by deaf D.C. residents to complete a needs assessment that will determine what kinds of education, employment, and community services are needed in the deaf community will be held Aug. 5 in the Ely Center Workshop Room, 6-8 p.m., and Aug. 11 at the Southeast Library, 7th and D Sts. SE, 6-8 p.m. For special accommodations, call Lydia Susnick, x5096, or E-mail LCSUSNICK.

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